

# I Introduction

This Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) responds to comments addressing the Draft EIR, published August 2001. The Final EIR is intended to aid Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as it considers adoption of the RTP, as well to as comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This document, combined with the Draft EIR, constitutes the Final EIR on the project. This Final EIR amends and incorporates by reference the Draft EIR, which is available as a separately bound document from the MTC or at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/projects/rtp/eir.htm>.

The primary purpose of this Final EIR is to revise and refine the environmental analysis and mitigation measures in the Draft EIR in response to written comments and recommendations received during the 45-day public review period. This review period of the Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2001032141) was from August 10, 2001 through September 28, 2001; some of the comments were received a few days after the closing period, and are also responded to in this Final EIR. A list of individuals, agencies, and organizations that commented on the Draft EIR is included in Section 3 of this document. Copies of written comments, along with responses, are included in Section 4. Some commenters raised points relating to both the 2001 RTP and the Draft EIR; this Final EIR responds to comments on the latter; for comments on the former, refer to Appendix F and the Final 2001 RTP that is available from the MTC.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE FINAL EIR

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3 List of Comments Received on the Draft EIR	Lists all persons and organizations from whom comments on the Draft EIR were received
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